

**A PROCLAMATION OF
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE
BY THE GOVERNOR OF ARIZONA**

WHEREAS, Doyle W. Williams, ADC# 029791, was convicted of the crime of Murder in the First Degree, in CR-60583, in the Superior Court of Maricopa County, State of Arizona and was sentenced on the 26th day of February, 1970, to serve a term of Natural Life in prison; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, the law was changed to allow persons sentenced to a life term to be eligible for parole after 25 years, but such change in law did not apply retroactively to said Doyle W. Williams; and

WHEREAS, before 1973, governors routinely commuted life sentences to establish parole eligibility; and

WHEREAS, Doyle W. Williams has served nearly twice the period of time that a similar offender would serve after the 1973 law change; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Board of Executive Clemency held at 1645 W Jefferson, Ste 101 in Phoenix, Arizona on the 25th day of June, 2019, it was unanimously recommended by the said Board that the sentence of the said Doyle W. Williams be commuted, so that in lieu of the original sentence his sentence shall be commuted to 45 years to Life with eligibility for parole after 45 years; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 5 § 5 of the Constitution of the State of Arizona and Title 31, Chapter 3, Section 443 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, the governor may grant reprieves, commutations and pardons upon such conditions, restrictions and limitations the governor deems proper;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of Arizona, in consideration of the premises and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do hereby commute the sentence of the aforesaid Doyle W. Williams so that in lieu of the original sentence his sentence shall be commuted to 45 years to Life with eligibility for parole after 45 years.




IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona to be affixed.


Governor of Arizona

DONE at the City of Phoenix, the Capitol, this 27th day of November, 2019.

ATTEST:


Secretary of State